

**Congressman Childers' Statement on Health Care Reform Vote**

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Washington, DC – Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) released the following statement regarding his vote on House health care reform legislation:

“While I was unable to support today’s legislation, I know how important reform is to making sure that hard-working North Mississippians have access to quality, affordable health care. My opposition to this bill lies largely in its high cost, especially in today’s economy. The President recently announced his plans to enact much stronger language prohibiting federally funded abortion, but I would have preferred to have these provisions included in the underlying legislation, and price remains a grave concern for me. I still don’t believe we’ve gotten the legislation right. However, I will continue to support commonsense reform provisions and work to change measures that would negatively impact the people of the First District. I remain committed to effective, fiscally responsible health care reform that makes sense for North Mississippi, and I will continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to that end.”

*A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit [w](#)*

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